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1. ACTING FONMIN AMBASSADOR ABDUL RAHMAN AL MANSURI CALLED IN CHARGE FEB 25 TO SAY THAT SAG HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT NUMERI ABOUT CISCO II. PRESIDENT NUMERI HAD SAID THAT HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO TRY TO FACILITATE RELEASE OF U.S. PRISONERS. PRESIDENT NUMERI ALSO ASKED SAG TO PASS ON TO U.S. THAT ERITREANS WERE "AGITATED AND DISTURBED" OVER THE PUBLICITY USG WAS GIVING ITS MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA. NUMERI THOUGHT THAT IF SUCH ASSISTANCE WAS GIVEN IT SHOULD BE DONE SO AS TO ATTRACT MINIMAL PUBLIC NOTICE.

2. AS TO MODALITIES OF RELEASE, MANSURI SAID SAG FAVORED IDEA OF FLYING CAPTIVES FROM SUDAN TO SAUDI ARABIA FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT. CHARGE SAID WE WISHED ABOVE ALL THAT THE MEANS OF RELEASE BE RAPID AND SAFE; WHILE RELEASE IN THE SUDAN SEEMED TO US MOST SIMPLE, WE WOULD BE GUIDED BY THE SAG'S PREFERENCE.

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3. MANSURI SAID THAT SO FAR HE HAD ONLY GENERAL,
ALTHOUGH ENCOURAGING NEWS, TO REPORT. HE HOPED SOON
TO BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY TO GIVE MORE
DETAILS.
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